

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

O'Brien, et al.

Appln. No. 10/014,700

Filed: October 22, 2001

For: Porous Polyethylene Membrane



Docket No. 10041-3

Group Art Unit: 1732

Examiner: Not Assigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is offered to correct a typographical error. Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

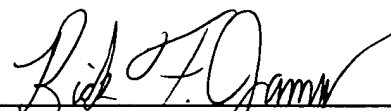
Please amend the specification as follows. A marked-up version of the amended paragraph is attached in APPENDIX A: "SPECIFICATION MARKED-UP TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 3-7, with the following replacement paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/837,673, filed April 18, 2001, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/079,807, filed May 15, 1998, now abandoned, the entire disclosures of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference.

Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

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